What is claimed is:

- 1. A heavy chain variable region of an antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of *Eimeria spp.*, which comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24 and SEQ ID NO:38.
- 2. A light chain variable region of an antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of *Eimeria spp.*, which comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32 and SEQ ID NO:40.
- 3. A DNA molecule encoding a heavy chain variable region of an antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of *Eimeria spp.*, wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24 and SEQ ID NO:38.

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4. The DNA molecule according to claim 3, wherein the DNA comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:19, SEQ ID NO:21, SEQ ID NO:23 and SEQ ID NO:37.

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5. A DNA molecule encoding a light chain variable region of an antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite

of *Eimeria spp.*, wherein the light chain variable region comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32 and SEQ ID NO:40.

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6. The DNA molecule according to claim 5, wherein the DNA comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:25, SEQ ID NO:27, SEQ ID NO:29, SEQ ID NO:31 and SEQ ID NO:39.

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- 7. A recombinant scFv antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of *Eimeria spp.*, which comprises:
- (a) a heavy chain variable region of an antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of *Eimeria spp.*, comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24 and SEQ ID NO:38; and
- (b) a light chain variable region of an antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of *Eimeria spp.*, comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32 and SEQ ID NO:40.
- 8. The recombinant scFv antibody according to claim 7,
 wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 and the light chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ

ID NO:26.

- 9. The recombinant scFv antibody according to claim 7, wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20 and the light chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.
- 10. The recombinant scFv antibody according to claim 7, wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:22 and the light chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:30.
- 15 11. The recombinant scFv antibody according to claim 7, wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24 and the light chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:32.

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- 12. The recombinant scFv antibody according to claim 7, wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:38 and the light chain variable region comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:40.
- 13. The recombinant scFv antibody according to claim 7,

wherein the scFv antibody further comprises a linker between the heavy chain variable region and the light chain variable region.

- 5 14. A DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of Eimeria spp., which comprises:
 - (a) a DNA molecule encoding a heavy chain variable region of an antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of *Eimeria spp.*, wherein the heavy chain variable region comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:20, SEQ ID NO:22, SEQ ID NO:24 and SEQ ID NO:38; and
- (b) a DNA molecule encoding a light chain variable region of an antibody specific to a surface antigen in sporozoite of *Eimeria spp.*, wherein the light chain variable region comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:26, SEQ ID NO:28, SEQ ID NO:30, SEQ ID NO:32 and SEQ ID NO:40.

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15. The DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody according to claim 14, wherein the DNA molecule encoding a heavy chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 and the DNA molecule encoding a light chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:26.

- 16. The DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody according to claim 14, wherein the DNA molecule encoding a heavy chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20 and the DNA molecule encoding a light chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.
- 17. The DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody according to claim 14, wherein the DNA molecule encoding a heavy chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:22 and the DNA molecule encoding a light chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:30.
- 18. The DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody according to claim 14, wherein the DNA molecule encoding a heavy chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24 and the DNA molecule encoding a light chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:32.
 - 19. The DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody according to claim 14, wherein the DNA molecule encoding a heavy chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:38 and the DNA molecule encoding a light chain variable region comprises DNA molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:40.

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20. The DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody according to claim 14, wherein the DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody further comprises a DNA molecule encoding linker between the DNA molecule encoding the heavy chain variable region and the DNA molecule encoding the light chain variable region.

- 21. The DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody according to any one of claims 14-20, wherein the DNA molecule encoding the heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:18 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:17, the DNA molecule encoding the heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:20 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:19, the DNA molecule encoding the heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:22 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:21, the DNA molecule encoding the heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:24 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:23, and the DNA molecule encoding the heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:38 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:38
- 25 22. The DNA molecule encoding scFv antibody according to any one of claims 14-20, wherein the DNA molecule encoding the light chain variable region comprising the amino acid

sequence of SEQ ID NO:26 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:25, the DNA molecule encoding the light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:27, the DNA molecule encoding the light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:30 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:29, the DNA molecule encoding the light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:32 comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:31, the DNA molecule encoding light chain variable the comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ comprises DNA molecule of SEQ ID NO:39.

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